

INSURGENTS FAIL TO SECURE PLACE

Only Regulars Fill Berths on New Rules Committee.

MEMBERS CHOSEN AT PARTY CAUCUS

Tawney Slate Goes Through, and Meeting Is Almost Without Incident—Speaker Cannon Drops In and Casts His Vote—Democrats Caucus To-Night.

Washington, D. C., March 23.—With only the friendliest sort of rivalry, although arousing a keen interest, the Republican caucus to-night selected the six members of the Rules Committee apportioned to the Republican majority of the House. The following, all members of the "regular" wing of the party, were chosen:

Walter I. Smith, of Iowa, 185 votes.
John Dalzell, Pennsylvania, 146 votes.
George P. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, 128 votes.
J. Sloat Bassett, New York, 113 votes.
Sylvester C. Smith, California, 130 votes.
Henry S. Boutell, Illinois, 105 votes.

The vote in the caucus to-night was taken by written ballot, each member of the caucus writing the name of six men he desired to vote for. Nineteen names were placed in nomination, and a large number besides these received complimentary votes. Representative Gardner, of Massachusetts, received 33 votes, the highest number cast for any insurgent.

The only incident which threatened to produce anything approaching excitement was when Representative Tawney arose soon after the meeting was called to order and offered a resolution proposing the list of six men as named.

Immediately there was objection from an insurgent member from Iowa to the restricted nominations, and an informal nominating battle was proposed. To this Mr. Tawney demurred, and Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, secured before the caucus the former that he believed there should be an open ballot. Representative Payne, of New York, the majority leader, settled the matter by declaring in favor of an informal ballot. Mr. Tawney withdrew his resolution and list. His slate, nevertheless, had been gotten before the caucus, and proved successful on the ballots which followed.

Members will rank on the enlarged Rules Committee according to their seniority of service in the House, which will give the chairmanship to Mr. Dalzell.

The Democrats will caucus to-morrow night to name the four members allotted to the minority, and the whole list will be brought before the House Friday for the formal election.

The insurgents appeared to be satisfied, although the caucus was rather noisy when they cast their ballot for Speaker Cannon's deposition last Saturday expressed themselves on the subject.

Representative Norris, of Nebraska, said:

"It was a fair, square deal. I think everybody is satisfied. Of course, the men selected are not the men I would have named if I had the choosing."

A hasty scanning of the list showed that only the most consistent of the "regular" House members were named. Mr. Payne, before the nominations were made, addressed the caucus and appealed to all of the 123 members present to act as Republicans, without regard to any schism whatever. He appealed for harmony, a united Republicanism, and characterized any division within the House as unnecessary. So far as he was concerned, he said, he was in favor of putting one insurgent on the Rules Committee, and naming the early hours of the caucus Speaker Cannon spent the time in his room, reading newspapers and conferring with the House, but he felt that his presence in the caucus might be misinterpreted. Shortly after 10 o'clock, however, he called up his mind to join in the proceedings.

"Guess I'd better go in and cast my ballot," he called to Mr. Boutell, of Illinois, who had stood in the doorway. They went into the House chamber together and remained there for the rest of the session. The Speaker voted for the Tawney slate.

The border State Republicans held a conference before the Republican caucus to-night, and chose Joseph Holt Gaines, of Charleston, W. Va., as their candidate for membership on the Rules Committee of the House. The conference was participated in by approximately twenty-five members from West Virginia, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee and Maryland. The speakers pointed out that the border States contributed about one-sixth of the Republican membership in the House, that they held the balance of power; that every Republican from those States was a thoroughly stalwart party man, and that they had not received any such recognition before. Gaines received twenty-nine votes in the caucus.

ARMS OF ESTRADA

Hebel General Confident He Can Hold Atlantic Coast.

New York, March 23.—A wireless dispatch received here to-night from Operator Baragar, who has been handling press dispatches at Bluefields, Nicaragua, and is now aboard the steamer Antilles, says that General Juan Estrada has recently received a large supply of ammunition and has declared that he can hold the Atlantic coast against 10,000 Madrid troops, should they attempt to take Bluefields and the coast towns.

At the present time the dispatch says General Estrada has about 3,000 troops, 1,000 of whom are near Acogosa.

CHANGE SLIGHT, BUT FAVORABLE TO THE PATIENT

Senator Daniel's Condition Continues to Show Very Gradual Improvement; Bulletin from Bedside Encouraging.

DR. COOK "DOWN AND OUT"

Wife Writes That He Is Ill and Without Funds.

Bellingham, Wash., March 23.—Dr. William H. Axtell, a personal friend of Frederick Cook, to-day received a letter from Mrs. Cook, dated Valparaiso, Chile, in which she says the explorer is broken in health, without funds and unable to continue his fight to establish his claim that he discovered the North Pole. Dr. Axtell said to-day:

"Mrs. Cook tells me in her letter that Cook made considerable headway out of his trip when he first arrived in New York, but that he went in to defending himself against a bitter attack made by his enemies before the Copenhagen decision was made public. 'Cook left New York later to escape contempt,' says Mrs. Cook, 'and to time he was unfavorably reported on. She says she took him to Holland, France, Italy, and then to Spain, where they embarked for Buenos Ayres.'"

"From Buenos Ayres they went around Cape Horn to Chile. Cook was very ill, and will be in no condition to take up his fight for the honors which he still says should have been his."

Dr. Axtell added that, according to the letter, the explorer and his family will arrive quickly in New York, and that he was surprised at the Copenhagen decision was made public. "Mrs. Cook says," he continued, "that her husband has no funds with which to go to the Arctic regions, and that he is now in the University of Copenhagen, and that if he had the necessary cash he knows of no one he could trust to do the work for him."

CONFIDENCE IN PEARY

Washington, D. C., March 23.—A letter from the secretary of the Royal Geographical Society of London, dated March 23, expresses confidence in the attitude of Congress towards Commander Peary, and stating that the written was confident that Mr. Peary has reached the North Pole.

"We are naturally very interested in the report which you and your colleagues have made with reference to the Peary observations. I am very surprised at the results, as I may add that here everybody has confidence in Peary's honesty and competence."

"We are glad to know that you are sure of your observations at such a latitude with a low sun, but I think there can be no doubt that you reported a little beyond it. We are looking forward to seeing Peary here some time at the end of April or the beginning of May."

ANOTHER "TRUST" INDICTED

Three Associations of Poultry Dealers Charged With Violating Law.

New York, March 23.—They indicted another "trust" in New York to-day, not a nation-embracing organization, but the live poultry dealers of the city, who are charged by the grand jury under the general business laws of the State. Three local associations of poultry dealers are named, chief of which is the New York Live Poultry Commission Merchants' Protective Association, credited with the control of 90 per cent of the live poultry trade of the greater city. Nearly ninety defendants are named in the three blanket indictments, and all will be arraigned in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court to-morrow.

The investigation is the outgrowth of the general complaint against the high price of foodstuffs.

Besides the indictment of the poultry dealers, the city has begun a crusade against short weights. Eighteen inspectors, agreed with carefully selected scales, are making the rounds of wholesale and retail stores and peddlers' stands.

In holding a peddler for trial to-day, who was arrested for selling twelve ounces of grapes for a pound, the magistrate said:

"Giving of short weights and measures is the meanest and most contemptible way to trick the public, especially the poorer people. The practice is all the more shameful and outrageous when it is considered that poor people are almost the exclusive patrons of the peddlers who engage in the trick robbery."

GRAFT AT COLUMBUS

House Decides to Insert Probe Into Bribery Charges.

Columbus, Ohio, March 23.—The House of Representatives to-day adopted the Elson resolution providing for a bi-partisan investigation by four members appointed by the Speaker of charges made by Representative B. Winters, of Erie county, and Representative H. W. Peers, of Allen county, that efforts had been made to bribe them in connection with the passage of the Elson bill permitting telephone companies to merge. A joint resolution providing for a probe by a committee representing both the House and Senate was proposed, but the House was afraid the Senate would not adopt it. Then a separate House investigation was decided upon.

Representative Winters, who is Democratic floor leader, said he had offered anything he wanted to vote for the bill. Representative Peers said he was offered money.

TUG GOES DOWN

Founders in Still Wind and Six Lives Are Lost.

Vancouver, B. C., March 23.—The tug Arthur B. from Tacoma to Vancouver, founded last night off Fraser River Lightship. Six men were drowned. A stiff westerly wind prevailed in the gulf last night and off the San Heads a big sea was running. The tug was in charge of the tugboat company, and was carrying a load of lumber heavily, and while she was watching she foundered and went down.

The tug was used in the cement and plaster carrying trade between Puget Sound and British Columbia ports.

MRS. SLOCUM DEAD, GEN. BELL INJURED

They Fall Victims of Auto's Crash With Trolley Car.

WOMAN CRUSHED UNDER MACHINE

Chief of Staff of Army Suffers Severe Hurts, but Will Recover—Accident Occurs While Party Is En Route to Washington After Visit to Fort Myer.

Washington, March 23.—Major-General J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, who was injured early to-day in an automobile accident, in which Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Major Slocum, U. S. A., was almost instantly killed, was reported to-night to be resting comfortably. One of his ribs was broken and he suffered some scalp wounds, but no internal injuries have been discovered and no complications of any sort have set in.

Major Slocum, who is a member of the Seventh Cavalry, and now stationed at Governor's Island, N. Y., arrived to-night with his sons, Jerome, who is also at Governor's Island, and Theodore, a student at Princeton University, and his daughter, Mrs. Slocum, who is also at Governor's Island. The accident occurred on the way to Washington after a visit to Fort Myer.

No further arrangements have been made for the funeral of Mrs. Slocum than that the body will be taken, after the inquest to-morrow, to the home of her birth, Ossining, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the latter a sister of Mrs. Slocum, and Miss Robinson, of New York, also arrived here to-night.

The accident was caused by a south-bound trolley car of the Wisconsin Avenue car line, near Tenallytown, in the northwest outskirts of this city, colliding with an automobile owned by General Bell. The car was occupied by Mrs. H. J. Slocum, fifty years old, of Governor's Island, N. Y.; Mrs. H. L. Green and General Bell. Mrs. Slocum, who received internal injuries, was removed to the Georgetown Hospital in an automobile, where she was pronounced dead.

Chauffeur Ward was unhurt, but was soon arrested, together with the motorman and conductor of the trolley car. They were later released from custody, however, on orders from Governor Nevitt, who instructed them to appear at the inquest to-morrow morning.

Mrs. Slocum, whose husband is a nephew of Mrs. Russell Sage, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Green, at her home in the Wyoming apartment house in this city; yesterday went to Fort Myer to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bell, with whom she and her husband were on terms of intimate friendship. It was on the way to the Wyoming that the fatal collision occurred. The Tenallytown road, officially known as Wisconsin Avenue, runs north from Georgetown through the westerly environs of the city, and is a favorite route for automobiles. Crossing the Georgetown Bridge from Fort Myer, the car turned north into Wisconsin Avenue, and was about to turn easterly along the northerly boundary of the city, when at Garfield Street, the collision occurred. The fast-moving trolley car, carrying General Bell, practically demolished the automobile. The automobile was hurled about twenty feet against a trolley pole. It finally turned over. General Bell was thrown out. Ward was pinned under the front, but managed to extricate himself. The trolley car was crushed under the body of the car.

Bleeding about the hands and head, General Bell directed the passengers on the car and others in lifting the automobile from the woman. Mrs. Slocum was then hurried to the hospital.

In a statement issued at the War Department this afternoon, it was explained that Mrs. Slocum had been discussing the advisability of building a home in Washington, and it was with this in view that General Bell was taking her to look at some high ground along Wisconsin Avenue when the accident occurred.

REMEMBERS THE MAINE

House Passes Bill Authorizing Raising of the Maine.

Washington, March 23.—The hulk of the ill-fated battleship Maine, sunk in the harbor of Havana, was raised to-day by the bodies of the sailors who were killed in the wreck may be recovered, and so that an examination may be made to determine if possible, the manner in which the vessel was destroyed, if the Senate approves a bill passed by the House to-day.

The remains of the sailors who might be recovered would be interred in Arlington Cemetery, on the Virginia shore, opposite the Washington Navy Yard. The bodies would be placed in a cemetery near the graves of the Maine dead.

SHORTAGE IS \$250,000

Treasury Department Receives Report on Closed Cambridge Bank.

Washington, March 23.—A report received at the Treasury Department from Examiner Samuel M. Hann declares that the total shortage in the funds of the Cambridge Bank, of Cambridge, Mass., will reach about \$250,000. The estimated shortage at the time of closing the bank because of the defalcation of the bookkeeper, George W. Colman, was \$144,000.

OFF FOR VACATION

Physicians Tell Little He Needs a Long Rest.

Kansas City, March 23.—Jera P. Little, president of the Western Exchange Bank, of this city, who was attacked by the P. Cudahy three weeks ago, is not known by his physician to take a long rest. Little may go abroad before returning to Kansas City. He has not resigned as president of the bank.

Friend of Mr. Little was asked if the banker did not expect to meet Mr. Cudahy in the South, but his friend denied this was the purpose of Mr. Little's trip.

Mr. Cudahy recently was in Asheville, N. C.

SILENT AS SPHINX ON PINCHOT'S TRIP

Roosevelt Declines to Discuss Journey of Ousted Forester.

NOW EN ROUTE TO EGYPT'S CAPITAL

Day Largely Given Over to Preparations for Move on Cairo, Where He Will Be Met by State Carriage and Conveyed to Khedive's Palace.

Luxor, Upper Egypt, March 23.—Colonel Roosevelt's departure from Luxor at 7 o'clock this evening was made the occasion of a great outpouring of residents and tourists. They cheered the ex-President as his train started for Cairo. The Egyptian capital will be reached to-morrow morning, and Colonel Roosevelt and his wife will remain in that city for nearly a week.

Preparations have been going on in Cairo for a reception to the distinguished American, and the Khedive has announced that he will send a state carriage for Colonel Roosevelt to convey him to the palace. The plans include several dinners, a visit to the University of Egypt, where Colonel Roosevelt will deliver an address, a visit to the American mission, where he will dedicate the new girls' college, and a thorough inspection of the many places of historic interest.

The subject of the Haling-Pinchot controversy and the departure for Europe of Gifford Pinchot, the deposed chief forester of the United States, was brought to Colonel Roosevelt's attention to-day, but he declined to make any statement, merely reiterating his determination not to discuss questions of political nature until he had all the facts in hand.

To-day was largely given over to preparing for the journey to Cairo, and to resting after two days of strenuous sight-seeing here, but Colonel Roosevelt found time to visit the mission of the United Presbyterian Church to-day.

Colonel Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by Dr. McGinnahan and the Rev. Ralph C. McGill, drove to the American mission. The road was lined by mission boys, who saluted the ex-President. Miss C. M. Buchanan, principal of the girls' school, and Miss Helen J. Ferrier, the assistant principal, received the guests at the mission and served tea.

As Colonel and Mrs. Roosevelt entered the room, which was crowded with European and Egyptian, and old and more recent students of the school, the girls sang a song of welcome. Dr. McGinnahan greeted the visitors in a hearty speech of welcome, to which Colonel Roosevelt made a response, in which he expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the mission, saying he had known of the work accomplished for many years, and had seen for himself the results of the work.

"I was particularly anxious to see the girls' school," he continued, "because I think it is being realized more and more strongly that it is impossible to uplift one part of humanity while neglecting the others. Above all, we cannot raise the woman, and it is for both sexes. The mission is to be for both sexes. This applies equally to home and abroad. Men cannot rise if women drag. It is a matter of self-interest to help them. No race can be as high as it should unless women are with men." Continuing, Mr. Roosevelt said:

"I am mighty well pleased, as an American, to come here and see what has been done by our own people. Nothing augurs so well for Egypt's future as that such work is going on and growing year by year in influence and success."

Colonel Roosevelt's words were greeted with tremendous applause. The party then returned to the hotel.

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DEADLY BATTLE WITH CRAZED MAN ON PULLMAN CAR

Kills Conductor and Porter Before Being Shot to Death.

FIGHT CONTINUES MORE THAN HOUR

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